

For: State and County Offices

ArcGIS Grain Storage Bin Tool Beta County Office Phase 2 Selection Process

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1 Overview

A Background

PSD developed a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) based function called the Price Support Grain Storage Bin Tool (PS Bin Tool) that over time will progressively incorporate a wide range of price support and other automated processing functions currently performed by State and County Offices. PS Bin Tool, Phase I was deployed to 17 County Offices.

A total of 149 County Offices will participate in PS Bin Tool, Phase 2 Beta testing. The current States of KS, MD, MN, NE, NY, and OH, will be expanded to include **12** additional beta County Offices each. Phase 2 allows for comments and feedback from State GIS personnel that may require changes to be made before national deployment.

Notes: States participating in PS Bin Tool Beta testing were selected based on their number of marketing assistance loans.

See Notices PS-579 and PS-600 for additional background information.

B Purpose

This notice provides State Offices:

- instructions for selecting County Offices for Phase 2 Beta testing
- a timeframe for reporting selected County Offices.

C Contact

State Offices shall direct questions about this notice to Stacy Carroll, PSD at 202-690-8037.

Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2008	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 PS Bin Tool, Phase 2 County Office Selection

A General Information for Selecting Beta County Offices

State Offices shall select 12 County Offices each to participate in PS Bin Tool, Phase 2 Beta testing. The existing beta States will have more than 12 sites because of existing beta County Offices that are participating in the PS Bin Tool, Phase 1 Beta testing. The follow table displays the total number of County Offices that will be participating in PS Bin Tool, Phase 2 Beta testing, after State Offices have selected additional County Offices.

State	Beta County Offices	Total
AR	12	12
GA	12	12
IA	12	12
IL	12	12
IN	12	12
KS	1 + 12 (additional)	13
MD	3 + 12 (additional)	15
MN	3 + 12 (additional)	15
NE	5 + 12 (additional)	17
NY	3 + 12 (additional)	15
OH	2 + 12 (additional)	14
Grand Total		149

B Reporting Selected County Offices

State Offices shall report the following information to stacy.carroll@wdc.usda.gov at the National office by **August 20, 2007**:

- State
- County Offices selected
- total number of County Offices participating.

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3 Action

A State Office Action

State GIS specialists and coordinators:

- are responsible for ensuring that all State and County Office employees have the required GIS software and tools on their computers, as required for the selected pilot sites
- shall ensure communication with SED's and CED's
- shall inform Price Support Specialists of PS Bin Tool software deployment start dates and status information
- shall collect all issues from County Offices and submit these finding to PSD and ITSD.

B PS Bin Tool, Phase 1 Beta County Office Action

Phase 1 Beta County Offices shall:

- determine point locations for each grain storage bin associated with CCC-666 located within the county
- use the most recent National Agriculture Imagery Program 1 or 2 meter imagery file available when determining point locations
- follow instructions for either of the following:
 - PS Bin Tool provided in the forthcoming PS notice
 - PS Bin Tool User Guide provided on FSA's GIS web site located at <http://fsagis.usda.gov/>.

Note: County Offices shall **not** perform a separate on-site inspection to verify bin site operations, status, or location for this project. However, County Offices shall take advantage of site verifications while on other official field duties.